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# Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chris Malachowsky et al. U.S. Patent 5,117,485, 5/1992.

As per independent claim 1, Malachowsky discloses determining one or more trapezoids for defining the available display area based on the parameters of the one or more unusable display areas (i.e. generating trapezoids without processing portions outside a clip window) (col. 2-3, ll. 66-10); generating an image (i.e. generating a visible portion of a figure/image) (col. 10-14); determining location of components of the generated image relative to the determined one or more trapezoids (i.e. decomposing the figure/image by sorting the start and stop points of each scan line that defines the trapezoid) (col. 3, ll. 19-32); and rendering the components of the generated image that are determined to be located within the one or more trapezoids (col. 3, ll. 23-26).

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As per dependent claim 2, Malachowsky discloses a) generating lines that define a boundary around the available display area (i.e. defining a clip window) (col. 4-5, ll. 66-3); b) eliminating all lines being parallel to a predefined scan line direction (i.e. eliminating lines which subtend the shape and need not be processed since they are outside a clip window) (col. 2-3, ll. 66-10); c) setting a first flag for each line to the lines maximum coordinate in a first axial direction, the first axial direction being orthogonal to the scan line direction (i.e. setting the x or y coordinate extents of the line) (col. 5, ll. 20-25); d) sorting the remaining lines into a list according to a sorting scheme (col. 7, ll. 31-40); e) generating a trapezoid based on the first two lines in the list and the next highest flag value of all the flags (col. 6, ll. 10-20); f) replacing the flag of the first and second lines with the next highest flag (col. 8, ll. 60-68); g) if the first flag for the first or second line is equal to the minimum coordinate of the respective line on the axis orthogonal to the scan line direction, eliminating that line (col. 8, ll. 10-20); and h) repeating d-g until all lines are eliminated (i.e. repeating the process to identify all pixels/scan lines within the clip window that are to be stored/transferred for display) (col. 9, ll. 3-5).

As per dependent claim 3, Malachowsky discloses setting a second flag for each line to a coordinate associated with the first flag in a second axial direction, the second axial direction being orthogonal to the first axial direction (i.e. setting the x or y coordinate extents of the line, wherein the x or y axis are orthogonal to the one another) (col. 5, ll. 20-25); wherein the sorting scheme places lines with the highest first flag value first in

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the list (col. 7, ll. 31-40); and if lines have the same first flag value, place the line with the lower second flag value first in the list. (col. 8, ll. 51-55)

As per independent claim 4, Malachowsky discloses a computer program product (col. 4, ll. 35-45) for performing the method of claim 1. Therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claim 1 applies herein.

As per dependent claim 5, Malachowsky discloses a computer program product (col. 4, ll. 35-45) for performing the method of claim 2. Therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claim 2 applies herein.

As per dependent claim 6, Malachowsky discloses a computer program product (col. 4, ll. 35-45) for performing the method of claim 3. Therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claim 3 applies herein.

As per dependent claim 7, Malachowsky discloses a means (Fig. 3) for implementing the method of claim 1. therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claim 1 applies herein.

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As per independent claim 10, Malachowsky discloses a system having a computer program product (Fig. 3; col. 4, ll. 35-45) for implementing the method of claim 1. therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claim 1 applies herein.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chante Harrison whose telephone number is 703-305-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Razavi can be reached on 703-305-4713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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